

CURRICULUM REFORM BULLETIN

Molecules To
Military Medicine



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This bulletin represents the 5th in a series of bi-weekly updates on topics related to Curriculum Reform. Comments, suggestions, or questions are more than welcome and can be forwarded to Col Pock at:

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Principles of Academic Assessment:

Assessment is designed to foster & reinforce cumulative & continuous learning;

A variety of assessment methods will be utilized throughout the 4 year curriculum and will include a combination of formative & summative evaluations;

Formative assessments provide *feedback* to students as to their mastery of a given topic.

Periodic on-line quizzes represent an example of a formative assessment. Stated another way, formative assessments are *for* learning

Summative assessments are used to evaluate an individual's progress through a curriculum; mid-term & final exams are examples of summative assessments and provide a snapshot of learning to date.

In order to successfully pass a given module, students must complete all assessments associated with that module—regardless of how much (or little) the activity contributes to the final grade.

Failure to complete a required activity (ex: learning portfolio, or a formative quiz) by the end of the module will lead to a formal performance review.

Grading in the Pre-Clerkship Curriculum:

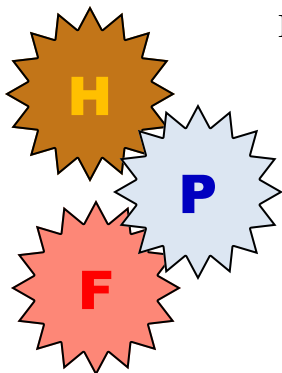
The Fundamentals Module will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis only, with a composite score of 65.00% or better expected to represent a Pass.

Grading in Modules 2-7 will be evaluated on an Honors/Pass/Fail basis, with an expected division as follows:

Honors: 90.00% or higher

Pass: 65.00 – 89.99%

Fail: 64.99% or lower



Aspects of the Fundamentals of Military Medical Practice that are *not* otherwise integrated into modules 1-7 (such as performance in field exercises, operational military medicine, leadership, officership, etc.) will be reflected in the award of a composite grade of Honors/Pass or Fail, at the end of the pre-clerkship period.

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Upcoming Milestones:

7 June 11 -- NBME Item Writing Course

15 June 11 -- Hourly schedules for Pre-Clerkship period solidified; speakers identified & posted to web

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